

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 742

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Master Sergeant Michael Trost, United States Army, for meritorious service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Michael Trost of Maryville has served with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for heroism both in combat and in society today; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Trost is a valorous member of the 489th Army Reserve Unit based in Knoxville. He is an active duty soldier who works with Army Reservists; and

WHEREAS, he has more than twenty-five years of honorable service as a member of the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2012, Master Sergeant Trost, currently serving a tour in eastern Afghanistan, came under fire when assailants disguised as Afghani police officers opened fire on him and three other soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Trost survived being shot four times and, following his evacuation from Afghanistan, received medical attention at a medical facility in Landstuhl, Germany, before returning stateside to continue his convalescence at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, the surgeon and anesthesiologist for one of the surgeries undertaken in Germany were both graduates of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and were more than

happy to bring a little taste of home to Master Sergeant Trost by singing an impromptu duet of “Rocky Top”; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Michael Trost is the beloved son of Harold and Jane Trost and the loving husband of Stephanie Trost; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Trost has performed his duties with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism; and his service can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Master Sergeant Michael Trost, United States Army, for his many years of unwavering service to the United States Army, applaud his sterling dedication and honorable commitment to success, and extend our deepest wishes for a full and quick recovery from his recent injuries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.